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Honorable David E. Bell  
Director  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

In accordance with Bureau of the Budget Circular A-19, revised, there are enclosed four copies of a draft bill, "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and for other purposes." This bill is submitted for clearance by the Bureau of the Budget prior to submission to the Congress. Also enclosed are copies of the explanation and justification which are necessarily classified SECRET, together with proposed letters of transmittal to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

The proposed legislation would authorize the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a retirement and disability system corresponding to that available to Foreign Service Officers for certain limited numbers of Agency employees. We have studied most carefully the subject of an appropriate retirement program for these employees and have concluded that the proposed bill would fulfill our requirements. Consequently, I consider its enactment into law essential to the effective performance of our mission.

I am aware of the normal procedures required in the processing of proposed legislation. I believe this bill warrants special consideration and I urgently request you to give this matter high priority since we are hopeful of having legislation introduced and passed in this session of the Congress. If there is any additional information needed or if there is any way this Agency can assist in your consideration of the proposed bill, I assure you of our willingness to cooperate in every way possible.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director

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